



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
Vigan City

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Ryan Luis V. Singson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14 Series 2020

AN ORDER PLACING THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring the entire nation under State of Public Health Emergency and has ordered all local government units to render full assistance and cooperation, and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease through Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020 has effectively raised the Code Alert System for COVID-19 public health event to Code Red Sublevel Two (2) which prompted President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to place Metro Manila under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, although the Province of Ilocos Sur remains to be COVID-19 free, there is an urgent need to protect the Province of Ilocos Sur, including its residents, from the threat of the COVID-19 and similar strains by strictly implementing prevention control measures;

WHEREAS, after discussion with DOH, DILG, DepEd, DTI, PNP and all Municipal/City Mayors of Ilocos Sur among others during the Inter-Agency Coordination meeting called by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur today, it has been decided that there is a need to protect the Province of Ilocos Sur to prevent community transmission, minimize movement of persons and abate the spread of the corona virus disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **RYAN LUIS V. SINGSON**, Governor of the Province of Ilocos Sur, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The Province of Ilocos Sur is hereby placed under Community Quarantine as a safety measure against the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENT. Movement of people to and from the Province of Ilocos Sur shall be restricted during the entire quarantine period.

For this purpose, movement of residents of Ilocos Sur shall be limited to going outside their respective abode for the purpose of accessing necessities and work only within the Province. Going to neighboring provinces for work purposes however shall be allowed provided the same is not a COVID-19 affected area.

Non-residents who are working in Ilocos Sur shall be allowed to enter the Province only once provided they are not COVID-19 infected or residents of a COVID-19 affected area and shall undergo the screening protocols set forth before entry. This restriction shall not apply to health care workers, responders, members of the police force, AFP and other government personnel whose work station is in the Province of Ilocos Sur.

Travelers who are passing by the Province shall be allowed entry provided they shall subject themselves to the screening protocols set-forth and shall not make any stop-over within the Province during their entire journey thereto.

No transfer and/or referral of patient/s coming from neighboring provinces to any Health Facility in the Province of Ilocos Sur shall be allowed during the entire community quarantine period.

SECTION 3. CHECKPOINTS. There shall be Checkpoints established in all entry points in the Province of Ilocos Sur which shall be manned by PNP personnel and/or other uniformed personnel who shall follow the necessary protocols set forth before an individual may be allowed to enter the Province of Ilocos Sur.

SECTION 4. TRANSPORTATION. Public transport within the Province of Ilocos Sur shall remain operational and shall serve passengers going to and from the cities/municipalities for work, provided that:

a. **For Public Utility Vehicles (PUV).** Pursuant to Department of Transportation Task Group Guidelines for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, the following PUV operators and drivers shall observe the following passenger limit:

i. UV Express should only have six (6) passengers, including the driver, and shall implement a one seat apart policy; and

ii. Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs) and Public Utility Buses (PUBs) should not have more than half of their regular capacity, including the driver and conductor and shall implement a one seat apart policy.

iii. Strictly observe sanitation methods.

b. **For passengers.** All individuals and returning residents of Ilocos Sur who travelled from and/or passed through any of the identified COVID-19 affected countries and travelled from the National Capital Region (NCR) and other local areas affected shall be subjected to the guidelines provided under Executive Order No. 8, Series of 2020 as amended dated February 13, 2020.

c. **For basic goods and commodities.** Transport of goods and commodities such as but not limited to food, medicines, supplies, gas, fuel and the like shall not be hampered. Provided however, that personnel of all delivery trucks shall undergo the necessary screening protocols in all the established checkpoints.

For this purpose, all drivers, conductors, sales agents and helpers must present (1) Company Driver's ID, latest health certificate from point of origin, and other documents as may be deemed necessary by quarantine officers.

There shall be a tagging of all vehicles that will pass through all the established checkpoints for monitoring purposes and to assure proper implementation of this Order.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON SOCIAL GATHERINGS. Planned or spontaneous events where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event such as but not limited to cockfighting, regular bingo, bars, parties, and movie screenings shall be prohibited subject to further guidelines and directives that may be issued by the National Government.

Essential work-related meetings may continue as long as strict social distancing is maintained during the entirety of the event.

Social distancing is defined as the strict maintenance of a distance of at least one (1) meter radius between and among those attending. Private establishments in operation shall also strictly maintain social distancing in their businesses.

SECTION 6. WORK ARRANGEMENTS. Public and private agencies in the Province of Ilocos Sur may observe flexible workforce or suspension of work at the discretion of management.

a. **For Public Sector.** Alternative work arrangements, including but not limited to compressed work week pursuant to Civil Service Commission (CSC) Resolution No. 2000481 through Memorandum Circular No. 7, Series of 2020, shall be implemented provided that health and emergency frontline services shall continue in full operation.

b. **For Private Sector.** Flexible work arrangements shall be encouraged in the private sector. For this purpose, the pertinent advisories and guidelines of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall apply. All manufacturing, retail and service establishments are advised to remain open. In all cases, social distancing measures are required to be observed by their respective managements.

SECTION 7. TOURISM ACTIVITIES. Tourism activities within the Province of Ilocos Sur are hereby suspended. For this purpose, all tourist attractions shall be closed during the entire quarantine period.

SECTION 8. HOARDING. Merchants and traders are strictly warned against hoarding and increasing prices of basic commodities during this State of Public Health Emergency. For this purpose, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall regularly monitor all concerned establishments, ensure the strict implementation of this Order and to file the necessary charges for any violation thereof.

SECTION 9. BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS. All business establishments in the Province of Ilocos Sur are mandated to have hygiene stations at their entrance areas and maintain hygienic practices.

All manufacturers of any goods in the Province are likewise mandated to strictly implement Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).

All restaurants and other food establishments shall avoid food preparation on cold buffet. Take out and food delivery shall be encouraged.

SECTION 10. CURFEW. The Local Chief Executives of all Cities and Municipalities in the Province of Ilocos Sur shall be required to implement curfew hours between 8:00 pm to 4:00 am subject to exemptions they may deem proper provided it will not defeat the purpose of this section.

The curfew schedule shall not apply to those individuals rendering emergency and security work.

SECTION 11. QUARANTINE PERIOD. The Community quarantine period shall be from the effectivity of this Order up to April 14, 2020 and/or until further notice.

SECTION 12. VIOLATIONS. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

SECTION 13. EFFECTTIVITY. This Order shall take effect upon signing hereof.

Let copies of this Order be disseminated to all concerned.

Done this 15th day of March, 2020 in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.


RYAN LUIS V. ONGSON, MPA
Governor